

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal strand comprising at least two filaments, wherein at least one filament ~~is being~~ interrupted to provide ~~providing~~ at least one filament end, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said filament end ~~is being~~ fixed to an ~~[[the]]~~ uninterrupted filament ~~filaments~~ of said strand using a fixing substance.
2. (Original) A metal strand according to claim 1, said strand having an interruption zone, at each side of said interruption zone, at least one filament end being fixed to said uninterrupted filaments.
3. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a glue.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a polymer.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said fixing substance being a soldering substance.
6. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 5, said soldering substance having a melting temperature ~~[[temp]]~~ lower than 700°C.
7. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 5, said soldering substance being chosen out of the group consisting of Ag, Sn or Ag-Sn alloys.
8. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein only one filament is ~~[[being]]~~ interrupted.
9. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, said strand having a strand diameter, a ~~[[the]]~~ diameter of ~~[[the]]~~ fixation of ~~[[the]]~~ filament ends being essentially equal to said strand diameter.

10. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ strand diameter is ~~[[being]]~~ smaller than 5mm.
11. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ strand diameter is ~~[[being]]~~ smaller than 2.5mm.
12. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein said filaments have ~~having~~ a filament diameter, said filament diameter being smaller than 1.15mm.
13. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ filament diameter is ~~[[being]]~~ smaller than 0.35mm.
14. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 2 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein the strand at the interruption zone has ~~said strand having~~ a force at rupture of more than 50% of the force at rupture of ~~a sample of~~ said strand outside said interruption zone, not comprising a filament end.
15. (Currently Amended) A metal strand according to claim 2 ~~[[1]]~~, wherein the strand at the interruption zone has ~~said strand with interruption zone having~~ an elongation at rupture of more than 30% of the elongation force ~~at rupture of a sample of~~ said strand outside said interruption zone, not comprising a filament end.
16. (Previously Presented) A metal strand according to claim 1, said metal being steel.
17. (Previously Presented) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, at least one of said strands being a metal strand as in claim 1.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 for reinforcing polymer or rubber belts or tires~~ A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.
20. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 in elevator or hoisting belts~~ An elevator belt, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 in timing belts~~ A timing belt, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.
22. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 to provide a multi-strand cord~~ A multi-strand cord, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.
23. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 as hoisting or elevator rope~~ A hoisting rope, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.
24. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 as control cable~~ A control cable, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.
25. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a metal strand according to claim 1 as suspension rope~~ A suspension rope, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.
26. (New) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein the fixing substance is disposed at the end of the filament end.
27. (New) A metal strand according to claim 1, wherein at least one filament serves as a core filament and at least one other filament serves as a filament that encircles that at least one core filament.
28. (New) A metal strand according to claim 2, wherein the interruption zone is formed by two filament ends that are spaced apart from one another to form an interruption zone with a length corresponding to the distance between the spaced apart filament ends.
29. (New) A metal strand according to claim 28, wherein the two filament ends are formed from a single filament.
30. (New) A reinforced rubber belt, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.
31. (New) A reinforced tire, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.
32. (New) A hoisting belt, comprising the metal strand according to claim 1.
33. (New) An elevator rope, comprising the metal strand of claim 1.